Claims

An apparatus for repeating a signal from a satellite to a mobile station in a [1] shadow area, the apparatus comprising: means for receiving the signal and amplifying the received signal; means for radiating the amplified signal to the shadow area; and means for feeding the amplified signal to the radiating means. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the receiving means includes: [2] a microstrip patch array antenna for receiving the signal from the satellite; and an amplifier for amplifying the received signal from the microstrip patch array antenna. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the radiating means is installed in the shadow [3] area. [4] The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the microstrip patch array antenna and the amplifier are implemented as one piece and further includes a probe for transiting the signal received from the microstrip patch array antenna to the amplifier. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the radiating means is one directional [5] microstrip patch array antenna. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the shadow area is an overpass. [6] The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the receiving means is located at a position [7] where a line of sight to the satellite is seared. [8] The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the radiating means includes: a dual directional antenna provided with a first microstrip patch array antenna and a second microstrip patch array antenna; and means for dividing the signal received from the receiving means to a first portion and a second portion, and passing the first portion to the first microstrip patch array antenna and the second portion to the second microstrip patch array antenna. [9] The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the shadow area is an underpass.